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Expenditure Incurred by BIC Ltd. Kanpur on Litigations

3731. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the exact details of expenditures incurred by the British India Corporation Limited, Kanpur during the last nine months on various litigations;

(b) the number of advocates engaged for the purpose and the number of cases they have been attending to before various courts; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to curb the increasing expenditure on litigations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) An expenditure of Rs. 1.29 lakhs has been incurred by the British India Corporation Limited (excluding New Egerton Woollen Branch, Dhariwal) on litigation during the period /June,' 91 to February; 92.

(b) The BIC has engaged the services of 23 Lawyers for the purpose of attending to various cases. The information regarding number of cases of litiation in which the BIC is involved is being collected.

(c) The BIC is in curring expenditure on litigation only where it is unavoidable. However, it is making efforts to minimise the expenditure as far as possible..

Production of Tea

3732. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of tea in the country during 1989, 1990 and 1991;

(b) the total acreage of land under tea plantation during these three years;

(c) the acreage under tea plantation in Bihar during the last three years; and

(d) the additional investment in the tea plantation and industry during 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total production of tea during 1989, 1990 and 1991 was as follows:

Year	*Production (M. kgs.)*
1989	688.11
1990	714.67(E)
1991	741,72 (E)
	(E) Estimated.

(b) The total acreage under tea during the last three years was as follow:-

Year	*Total area under tea (in thousand hectares)*
1989	416.59
1990	418.63 (E)
1991	421.27 (E)
	(E) Estimated.

(c) The acreage under tea in Bihar during the last three years was as follows:-

Year	*Area under tea in (thousand hectares)*
1989	0.46
1990	0.46 (E)
1991	0.46 (E)

(E) Estimated.

(d) Investment under different development schemes of the Tea Board for the tea plantations and the tea industry is envisaged at Rs. 9.50 crores during 1991-92 as against Rs. 6.38 crores in 1990-91.

Credit to Cooperative Banks by NABARD in Maharashtra

3733. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the cooperative banks in Maharashtra participated in the Union Government's rural debt relief scheme of 1990;

(b) if so, the total amount of reimbursement claimed by the cooperative banks in Maharashtra through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD);

(c) the total amount of claims settled and paid by NABARD so far;

(d) the reasons for non-payment of the remaining amount, if any; and

(e) the time by which the said amount is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The cooperative banks in Maharashtra had implemented the Debt relief Scheme formulated by the Government of India.

(b) to (e). Under the ARDR Scheme 50 percent of the debt relief provided by the cooperative banks is to be borne by the State Cooperative Banks (SCBs) and State Cooperative Land development Development Banks (SILDS) themselves. However, to meet their share, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) though the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) extends loans to SCBs and SLDBs. The Maharashtra Agricultural and Rural Development Bank Limited (MSARDB) to NABARD and the amount released by these cooperative banks is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Bank	*Amount of Claims Submitted to NABARD*	*Amount released by NABARD*		
		Loan	*Grant*	*Total*
MSCB	391.66	134.13	134.13	268.26
MSARDB	111.38	40.31	40.31	80.62
TOTAL	**503.04**	174.44	174.44	348.88